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THIS IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION

1. The reorganization of the Army on the Soviet model has been nearly completed. The present strength of the Army is about 8 to 10 Divisions, including 2 tank divisions. Light and heavy equipment with standardized arms are available: partly from Soviet Russia (e.g. tanks, heavy artillery, planes); and, partly, from home production (e.g. Tommy guns, light artillery). The main problems of the Army are (1) lack of buildings and other quarters; (2) lack of heavy armament; (3) low officer caliber; and (4) low morale of troops.
2. Buildings. Despite feverish construction of military installations and barracks, there is a real lack of sufficient quarters. Some units are still living in camps (sic).\*
3. Heavy Armament. Despite government pushing, industrial production is behind the requirements of the Five-Year Plan. Although, coal production in 1951 was 16.2% higher than in 1950, only 90% of the "Rakosi" quota was accomplished; pig iron production which in late 1951 was 15% higher than in 1950, should have been 30 to 35% higher. The failure to achieve goals in these key industries has had repercussions in all phases of the armament program. Severe restrictions have been introduced to save iron.
4. Officers. The newly created officers of the Kossuth Academy, together with the political officers (politruks) of the Petöfi Academy have neither theoretical nor practical experience. Former career officers, especially those in the higher ranks (above that of Major) have nearly all been purged. Even the last remnants of the so-called "Communist collaborator" ex-Horthy Army officers, who were kept on to assure the necessary training for the new officers' corps, are to be completely eliminated. A new charge will be launched soon against this group of "collaborators" including Col. Béla Király of the Kossuth Academy and his cohorts, to prove their "anti-democratic" tendencies and contacts with Western imperialists. As experienced career officers are being dropped from the Army, it is necessary to activate former reserve officers in order to complete the ranks of the newly and inadequately instructed new career officers. Since the summer of 1951, nearly all ex-reserve officers have been registered (sic) and, in most cases, given

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one rank lower than what they held before.

5. Morale of the troops. While troops are generally well paid and fed, the common man in the Army, even if he was a former Communist, can be considered as unreliable in case of a conflict or at first contact with Allied troops. The exceptions to this will be: the Political Officer Corps; the Militarized Police forces, which have committed such acts of terror that they have no choice but to fight; and the newly created Women's Auxiliary Corps (Budapest, Pécs, Szeged, Debrecen, Miskolc). The WACs number 400 per battalion and are recruited mainly from former Police Agents.
6. Army Construction. An unidentified architect had to give up his private business and is now engaged by the State to check military construction. This architect earns 1,600 florins per month, and is constantly travelling throughout the country. Although he is under drastic security control, this architect has let it be known that he is supervising the surface and subterranean construction of barracks, arms depots, bridges, and airports.
7. Concomitant with the reorganization of the Hungarian Army, Soviet troops are organizing their bases throughout the country. It is popular opinion that Hungarian military construction is behind schedule because the Russian installations have priority.
8. Extremely secret and highly important dumps, mostly underground, are under construction in the region of Mád (Tokaj area). The project is exclusively under Soviet control and will serve Russian military purposes. Underground railways (sic) indicate that this region, near the communications lines of Czechoslovakia (Košice) and the Soviet Carpatho-Ukraine (Užhorod-Beregszász), will be the main military depot of Soviet troops in Hungary.

25X1 \*  Comment: Probably tents.

25X1 \*\*  Comment: It is more than evident that this ex-reserve officers' corps will be the most unreliable element of the Hungarian-Soviet Army in the event of mobilization, even if they are controlled by Loyalist officers or Politruks.)

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